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Early-Day Groton Resident Dies at Hingham, Mont.

Friends of the J. C. Kindschy family in Groton and vicinity, were deeply saddened when news reached here of the passing of Mrs. Bertha Kraft Kindschy at Hingham, Mont. Mrs. Kindschy was a pioneer settler in this city, when for many years her husband was engaged in the mercantile business, before the family departed for Montana.

She was an active member and devout worker in the Evangelical church. Her christian spirit, her outstanding personality and general outlook of life will be a lasting memory to the many friends of the departed.

The following was taken from the Havre (Mont.) Daily News of July 27:

Services have been arranged for 2 p. m., Thursday at Woodman hall, Hingham, for Mrs. Bertha Kraft Kindschy, 84, who died Sunday afternoon. Rev. C. Lee Birdsall of the Rudyard Evangelical United Brethren church, in which she held membership, will officiate. Following the service, the body will be sent to Groton, S. D., where interment will be in the family lot, at the side of her husband.

Centering her life around her home, family and friends, Mrs. Kindschy had lived in the same house in Hingham from the time it was built on her arrival here in 1910 until her death.

She was born May 12, 1869, in Alma, Wis., and was married on January 16, 1890, to John C. Kindschy at Groton, S. D. From Groton, the family moved to Montana in April 1910. Mr. Kindschy died here January 17, 1930.

Four sons and two daughters survive, three other children preceding her in death. The surviving children are Mrs. L. D. (Ena) Weeks, Seattle, Wash.; Clement H. Kindschy, Hingham; Robert R. Kindschy, Olympia, Wash.; Ruth Kindschy, Hingham, and Dwight Kindschy, Moscow, Idaho.

In addition, there are three step-daughters, Mrs. Lars Snyder, Seattle; Mrs. E. G. (Orilla) Haldmier, Spokane, and Mrs. J. R. (Olivia) Rice, East Glacier.

Henry Kraft, Watertown, S. D., and George Kraft, Minneapolis, brothers, also survive, as do 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.